

## TO HEAR CHAMBERLAIN.

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Orange River, unless, perhaps, by way of Rhodesia and Beira.

## RISING OF THE BASUTOS REPORTED.

London, Oct. 18.—A new and serious element in the military situation is the rising of the warlike tribe of Basutos, under Chief Mokheko, against the Orange Free State.

The British must keep the Basutos quiet. The paramount Chief Lerotshedi has thus far behaved well. Reports are current, however, that the other chiefs may follow the example of Mokheko.

Moreover, the unrest among the tribesmen is spreading into Zululand.

According to a dispatch from Durban the Zulus are arming with assegais. Chief Dinizulu says he is unable to restrain them. It is expected that they will be joined by the Swazis.

Lady Smith, Natal, Oct. 15 (delayed in transmission).—A native tribe in Zululand, whose cattle had been raided by Boers, applied to General Sir George Stewart White, the British commander-in-chief in Natal, for permission to make armed resistance. General White refused their request as he is opposed to the use of colored auxiliaries in the coming struggle.

London, Oct. 16.—"The Daily News" Lady Smith correspondent telegraphing on Tuesday says he learns that the discontent in Swaziland is taking a form hostile to the Boers, who

are reported to be the cause of the final breach, Sir William said:

with deliberately avoiding a peaceable solution, in my opinion there is no justification for saying that there has been criminal obstinacy on the part of the Transvaal. Step by step it will be found on wise advice from the Orange Free State and the Government of Cape Colony the Transvaal until the door was shut yielded and was continuing to yield to our pressure.

He then proceeded in contrast Mr. Chamberlain's previous utterances with his present attitude, and asserted that there was absolutely no need to reward the Transvaal's offer of August 5. The language used by Mr. Chamberlain just after that offer was made and when the negotiations had reached a most promising point could not be considered favorable to a peaceful settlement.

Discussing the cause of the final breach, Sir William said:

On September 4 the Transvaal sent a dispatch pressing for the appointment of a joint commission to consider their offer, on condition that sovereignty was dropped. Everybody is now convinced that sovereignty was dropped in 1881 (Lord Milner's protest). At any rate successive Secretaries of State were of that opinion.

Mr. Chamberlain emphatically disengaged.

Sir William, resuming, went on to remark that sovereignty was only formally announced to President Kruger by Mr. Chamberlain in 1890. He commented upon the extraordinary delay in sending the final proposals of Great Britain. The speaker continued as follows:

The British nation has a right to know what

## CECIL RHODES'S DANGER.

## WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THE BOERS CAPTURE HIM AT KIMBERLEY.

## THEIR FEELING TOWARD THEIR MOST RELENTLESS FOE-HIS PART IN THE JAMESON RAID STILL UNPUNISHED-THE STORY OF A PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

Public interest in connection with the Anglo-Transvaal war now centres upon the town of Kimberley, which is closely invested by the Boers, and which may or may not be able to hold out against them until the arrival of reinforcements. It is not alone that Kimberley is the headquarters of that diamond mining industry which has contributed more than anything else to the opening the development and the prosperity of the southern part of the Dark Continent, but also on account of the fact that Cecil Rhodes is at Kimberley, that the Boers are so bent on taking the town, and that the English are so anxious to hold it.

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they would render themselves guilty of violating one of the most elementary and most universally recognized laws of war among civilized nations.

## AN OUTRAGE.

The law of war expressly forbids the proclaiming of an individual belonging to the hostile army, or a citizen or a subject of the hostile government as an outlaw who may have a price set upon his head, a reward offered for his capture, dead or alive, thereby practically authorizing him to be slain without trial by any captor. The modern law of war abhors any such proceeding as an unpardonable outrage, and one of the principal authorities on the law of war, Dr. Lieber, whose views are embodied in "the official instructions for the government of armies of the United States in the field," proclaims in Paragraph 148, of General Orders issued by the Adjutant General's office at Washington, that "the sternest retaliation should follow the murder committed in consequence of such proclamation made by whatever authority."

Civilized nations look with horror upon rewards for the capture living or dead of enemies as relapses into barbarism. Indeed, it is difficult to recall any case in modern warfare where a price has been set upon the head of a citizen or soldier of one of the belligerent Powers. The last instance of the kind occurred in Spain during the Peninsular War, when the Spanish allies of the English set a price on the head of several of the leading French generals, but were promptly forced to withdraw the proclamation by the Duke of Wellington, who denounced it as contrary to the laws of civilized warfare.

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The House of Commons has voted a sum of £10,000 for the relief of the families of the men condemned to death, the sentence being subsequently commuted by Great Britain herself.

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